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BRITISH SEAMANSHIP.

A few days ago we took occasion to refer to a brilliant feat of seamanship performed by Captain Gillan in taking down to Manila a launch that had come off the stocks of the Kowloon Dock and had been sent down for the transport service in the Philippine transport trade. As it happened, the launch never got there without undergoing the very heaviest difficulties possible and she escaped the worst possible disaster possible by the skin of her teeth. In the result, she got to the Luzon side practically undamaged and the credit lies altogether with the gallant skipper. He has taken down many launches in his day and he has worthily earned the reputation that has been gained by Captain "Tommy" Groves and Captain Andrew Casey in their similar endeavours. An element of tragedy is lent to the voyage by reason of the fact that the Chief Engineer is reported to have gone over the side in the height of the gale but luckily we have no confirmation of the fact and "Hughie" may be as well as the rest of us who are ashore. Captain Gillan has already taken down numerous launches to the Philippine Islands and has the distinction of never having lost a vessel, so that it would be a serious misfortune if he were to lose the latest departure from Kowloon. It is a lot to his credit that he should refuse assistance from a standing-by steamer that

proffered aid and elected to go upon his voyage unassisted by any outside effort. It is with the utmost pleasure that we learn he has successfully brought his ship to anchor in Manila Bay with all well. In addition to the news we published yesterday we are indebted to the *South China Morning Post* for the following information:—News has now been received in the Colony that the 62-foot launch dispatched from Hongkong for Manila by Messrs. Macdonald and Company on December 19th last, has reached her destination. The launch, built to the order of the Customs Bureau, Manila, was in charge of Capt. Gillan, and the last heard of her was when, on January 1st, the Norwegian steamer *Brand* spoke to her, and learnt that she had had trouble with her boilers and was forced to proceed under jury sail. Water and provisions were supplied by the steamer. This was about one hundred miles north of Manila and ten miles off the coast. Judging from the fact that the little craft took a week more to get to Manila, it is obvious that she must have either struck bad weather or else gone into shelter to evade it. Altogether twenty days have been taken to do what was thought would have been four days' trip. From our telegraphic communication, we learn that Captain Gillan has succeeded in bringing his command into port and he is to be congratulated in every way for the manner in which he has piloted his ship into anchorage. She may not be very big, but at the same time she is equally liable to command, and the safe arrival of her at the port of destination is one of the best proofs possible that British seamanship is by no means a dead letter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Bramble* arrived in Shanghai last week.

H. M. S. *Cullin* arrived in Shanghai on the 4th.

LIEUT. Royal and wife leave by the P. & O. *Nile* to-morrow for England.

MAJOR Fisher, who is now proceeding home on the *Comet*, has been transferred to Portsmouth.

A COOLIE was given two weeks and six hours' stocks at the Police Court this morning for the larceny of a salt fish.

INVITATIONS have been issued for a concert which takes place at the Mailla Hospital, Peak, on the 25th inst.

CONTRARY to general expectation great activity is being shown in the money market in Osaka, the bank-rate advancing day by day.

MR. C. R. Scott, of the International Bank arrived here to-day by the *Gochon* from Shanghai. He hopes to spend some time here.

A YOUTH was arrested in Kowloon City yesterday for selling opium dross. He was brought up at the Magistracy this morning and a fine of \$50 or six weeks was imposed.

A MAN was yesterday found in the servants' quarters of No. 1, Rose Terrace, Kowloon, without permission. He was charged at the Magistracy this morning and was fined \$5.

FIFTEEN men were arrested in an opium divan last night and appeared before Mr. E. R. Hallifax this morning. The keeper was fined \$100 and the remainder \$1 each for smoking.

WE have received from Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co., the local agents for the Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, Ltd., a useful wall calendar and a neat little pocket diary.

REAR-Admiral Hubbard, commanding the Asiatic fleet, has notified the officials of the Carnival Association that the ships of his command will be present in Manila during Carnival week.

WILLIAM Kennedy, the Chinese resident of Manila who was convicted of smuggling opium into the Islands and sentenced to two years' imprisonment by the Supreme Court has had his sentence commuted by the Governor General to a fine of \$5,000.

AN Indian watchman in the employ of the Peak Tramway Company was charged at the Police Court this morning with assaulting Lok Sing, boy to Mr. Hewitson, cashier of the Naval Yard. The alleged assault is said to have occurred on the 2nd inst. on the lower station. Mr. Sheuton prosecuted. Defendant was unrepresented. The case was adjourned till Friday.

A CHINAMAN appeared before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistracy this morning to answer two charges—one with selling opium without the consent of the Opium Farmer and the other with forging the description of labels resembling those of the Tai Yau Opium Farmers. Evidence was called and his Worship imposed a fine of \$50 or two months on the first count and four months without the option of a fine on the second.

W. MURRAY SCOTT, the manager of the largest Hongkong sugar refinery, is a visitor to Manila. Mr. Scott expresses himself as very pleased with Manila. He has lived in Hongkong for the past eleven years and has always gone to Europe for the vacation period. This year however he has decided to try Manila. Speaking of the sugar business in Hongkong he remarked that the Japanese sugar has almost completely run the Philippine product out of the market there.

THE QUEEN'S ROAD EAST FIRE.

DEATH INQUIRY AT THE MAGISTRACY.

At the Magistracy this afternoon, before Mr. E. R. Hallifax, a death inquiry was held in connection with the fire on the 2nd inst. at 205, Queen's Road East, in which nine persons were burnt to death. The jurors were as follows:—A. A. Gutierrez, A. C. Peilley and F. M. Nivir.

His Worship briefly summarized the circumstances leading to the fire, which were caused by crackers being stored in the building.

J. W. White, of the P. W. D., produced plans of 205, Queen's Road East and stated that it was made by him specially for that inquiry.

His Worship (to the jury)—These crackers were stored in the kitchen of the ground floor. Ng Kuo-master of the piece goods store on the ground floor of No. 206, stated that he had another partner who was in the country. He remembered the 2nd of January, which was a festival day. They were all having their meal. At 3.30 p.m. he heard an explosion of crackers which were stored outside the kitchen. After this people shouted "Save life!" and his wife and himself ran. Witness' goods were insured for \$1,000.

His Worship—How did these crackers get there?—They were left there by the Ku Ki firm, with whom we do business.

Why did he have these things there?—Because he owed me money for rent and I seized them. How many crackers?—Two bundles, ten thousand in each bundle.

You reported to the Police about having the crackers in the shop?—Yes.

Which station?—No. 2.

Where were the crackers?—Behind the shop.

They were not kept as far back as the kitchen?—No.

You did not sold any of these crackers?—No.

Which end of the kitchen did the fire take place in?—On the other side, not the shop side.

What was stored in the kitchen?—Some wood and empty bags.

How were the crackers stored?—On a shelf. How high was this shelf?—About seven feet high.

Did you know of anyone going to that shelf on that day?—No.

Do you know the occupants of the first floor?—Yes, it is my family house.

How many people lived on that flat?—About thirteen or fourteen.

Have you seen any of them since?—Yes, I saw two jump out.

Have you seen any of the others?—No.

How many were in the flat at the time of the fire?—Eleven.

You identified the bodies of the nine deceased?—Yes, one was my wife, and another my daughter and also my mother-in-law. I don't know the names of the others who were in the next room.

Did you do anything to try and save these people above?—No, I did not do anything.

Ng Yat was next called and said he came from the country lately and went to a shop at 206, Queen's Road East as an assistant cook. He did all the cooking on the 2nd inst. The cooking was completed about 5 p.m. He went out and had a shower with the fire. He left the fire to burn itself out. The fire was a small one. Nothing was near the fire. When he was having a shower, he heard the noise of crackers and smelt smoke. He did not go near the fire. He wanted to get water to pour on the fire but could not do so and he ran.

His Worship—Did you hear the crackers?—Yes.

Do you know any of the people on the first floor?—No.

Nobody was in the kitchen at all?—No.

Do you know if there were any crackers there?—No.

Li Tam, assistant accountant of the shop, gave corroborative evidence.

An unemployed cook was next put in the box and said he was upstairs at the time with his son. He heard crackers going off, but did not know where they were from.

Later on, he saw smoke and heard noise from below. His son and himself then ran in front and jumped down to the street, from the window.

Dr. MacFarlane stated that he made a post-mortem examination the morning of the 3rd January on the body of nine inmates, and found that death was due to asphyxia. Some of the bodies were much burnt.

Inspector Kerr stated that since the fire he had received reports of crackers being stored in the building. He received a telephone message on the 2nd inst. of a fire at 205, Queen's Road East. He went immediately to the place and found the building in flames.

A Lance Corporal of the R.A.M.C. stated that he remembered the 2nd inst. Close to 5.30 p.m. he saw a fire at 205, Queen's Road East. The first thing he saw was the firing of crackers and a few minutes later the whole building was in flames.

The jury found that death was caused through accident by the fire.

THE BEAN TAX IN MANCHURIA.

WITHDRAWAL BY CHINESE AUTHORITIES.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Commerce at Changchung, in Manchuria, has cancelled the notification to impose a tax on beans and other merchandise dealt with by the Japanese in Changchung, in response to a protest lodged by the Japanese Consul-General, who explained that the imposition of a tax was opposed to the treaty provisions and that it was disadvantageous to China.

SIR HENRY MAY.

FORTHCOMING RESOLUTION AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday next, Dr. Ho Kai, M.H.C., will move that the following resolution be adopted by Council:—"That the hearty congratulations of the Members of this Council be tendered to the Honourable Sir F. Henry May, K.C.M.G., on his well merited promotion to the Governorship of the Colony of Fiji; and that a record be made and entered in the minutes of this Council of the deep appreciation felt by the members thereof of his long and valuable services as an Official Member, and of their regret at losing a colleague who is distinguished not less by his great ability and high character than by his constant courtesy and straightforwardness, qualities which have won for him the profound respect and admiration of the entire Council."

ADMINISTERING THE OATH.

LAUGHABLE INCIDENT AT THE MAGISTRACY.

An amusing incident occurred at the Magistracy yesterday. A Hakka witness was put in the witness-box and when about to be sworn, the witness was the cause of no little embarrassment to the Court interpreter. The following dialogue ensued:—

The interpreter—Repeat what I say. Witness pointed heavenwards (Laughter). The interpreter—Follow me.

Witness—Yes, I am going to tell the truth. (Laughter).

Finally, after a considerable amount of vituperation on the part of the interpreter had been expended, something approaching the orthodox form of repetition was drawn out of witness, although the process was slow to the point of exasperation.

BIJOU SCENIC THEATRE.

A material addition has been made to the above in the matter of artistes, by the engagement of Miss Ruby Crystal. This dainty artiste's debut was made last Saturday night under the most favourable auspices and in the course of the evening, she was made the fortunate recipient of a wealth of floral tributes. Miss Crystal is at present appearing nightly with Miss Vera Ferrera in a dainty little duet, a feature of which is the introduction of a daintily clever dance. If the "Bijou" is not sufficiently well patronized, it will be through no fault of the management.

LUSITANO RECREATION CLUB.

FOOTBALL.

The final of the L.R.C. Inter-club competition will be played on the Causeway Bay Ground on Wednesday, 11th inst. Kick-off at 5 p.m.

Mr. Cruz's team: Goal—L. E. Ramelidis; Backs—E. Leitao, A. H. Hyndman; Half-backs—R. Maher, F. M. da Cruz, A. F. Baptista; Forwards—H. A. Hyndman, O. M. Sequelina, J. V. Braga, H. A. Castro, M. R. Leitao.

Mr. Ribeiro's team: F. M. Gutierrez, J. C. Barreto, R. C. da Silva, A. A. Botelho, A. J. V. Ribeiro, F. P. Soares, R. da Luz, D. Baptista, E. L. Braga, P. A. Yvanovich, A. G. V. Ribeiro.

FIRES IN HANKOW.

Hankow has been notorious for its periodical great fires. Another took place at about noon on December 27 in the quarter known as Hao Hu, i.e., Buck Lake, where plank-built houses abound. As it was on the same day as that on which the Wuchang College was partially destroyed by fire the conditions were much the same; a strong gale was blowing from the north. The flames soon assumed alarming proportions, spreading very rapidly in all directions. The efforts of the fire brigade were in vain: the fire burnt itself out after having consumed houses to the number of about 800 to 1,000.

SHIPPING NEWS.

An arrangement has been made by which the steamers of the China Navigation Co. will, from the beginning of this year, berth at Dalgety's Wharf, Miller's Point, instead of at present, says a Sydney paper. For several years past Messrs. G. S. Yuill and Co., who are the agents for the line, have berthed the vessels at Circular Quay. In former years the company's wharf was at Miller's Point, not far from the place where they are to go under the new arrangement.

The *China Critic* states that the ice at Tongku in the river is reported to be about 6 inches thick, and is much thicker up here, although parts of the Peiho are still open-water.

A Mukden dispatch states that according to a person who recently went to Mukden from Lianshan, the preparations for harbor construction in Lianshan have made greater progress than expected and that the purchase of land for streets has been completed. The work of the light railway linking this port with the Peking-Mukden Railway is expected to be completed by the beginning of next month.

A CHINESE has been arrested by the Yokohama Harbour Police for attempting to smuggle three tins of opium, valued at about ¥45, from the N.D.L. steamer *Goben*, lying alongside the Customs quay.

Two hundred French gentlemen and their families from Saigon have signified their intention of visiting Manila the last week of February of this year for the express purpose of witnessing the big 1911 Philippine Carnival.

SUPREME COURT.

To-day, before Sir Francis Pigott, John Lymm, architect, su d' Chan Kym for the recovery of \$333.8 for work done and materials supplied.

The defendant put in a counter claim for a large sum.

Evidence was heard and the case adjourned.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

NEXT THURSDAY'S SITTING.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Thursday next. The agenda is a slight one, the following being the orders of the day:—

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Lepers Ordinance, 1910.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Ordinances relating to Companies.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1901.

A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the Council.

* Will not be proceeded with at this meeting.

WORLD'S NEWS.

[Via Japan.]

So far no trace has been discovered of the missing airman Grace, who was last seen, it has now been ascertained, by the men on the North Goodwin Lightship, at which time he was flying northward over the Goodwin. It is feared that Grace failed to make the land in a fog and was drowned. In hope of finding him or discovering some evidence of his fate, the North Sea is being scoured by torpedo craft and wireless inquiries are being sent in all directions.

The Bulletin correspondent of the French Socialist paper *Humanite* has been expelled from the country for a series of articles criticizing the German Chancellor.

INSURANCE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT.

London, January 4.—The newspapers have published the outlines of the Sickness and Invalidity Insurance Bill, which has been communicated to the Friendly Societies by Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Bill provides for compulsory insurance through the Friendly Societies for all workers earning less than £100 per annum, for a minimum of five shillings a week. This minimum alone is guaranteed by the State. Half the cost of this minimum, which has not yet been ascertained, will be deducted from the workers' wages, the employers and the State sharing the rest equally.

The Government will supervise the accounts of the Societies.

THE HOUNSDITCH AFFAIR.

London, Jan. 5.—The Home Secretary, Mr. Winston Churchill, vehemently denies the report that the authorities set fire to the house in Mile End in which the Hounsditch murders were besieged.

[From "N. C. D. News"]

WIDESPREAD EARTHQUAKES.

London, Jan. 5.—Telegrams have been reporting that an earthquake, that lasted for five minutes, has occurred at Viceroy, in Turkey. It threw down stone houses and demolished stores and thus caused great suffering.

There was at the time 22½ degrees of frost there. Forty bodies have been recovered.

AMERICAN NEWS.

[Via Manila]

Washington, January 4.—President Taft is taking a very active interest in the affairs of Congress this session. He is determined to push through certain legislation on which he has set his mind. The ship subsidy bill is his chief concern for the session. The President has urged upon Congress in very strong terms the necessity for the passage of the bill.

Another matter in which the President has taken a surprising interest is the Lorimer investigation in the United States Senate. It is said in high official circles that the President is very much displeased with the report of the investigating committee of the Senate, dividing as it did on strictly party lines. At any rate the President has let it be known in unmistakable terms that he is in favor of a thorough ventilation of the Lorimer charges in the Senate.

We are informed by the local agent of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company that the Company's three mines for the week ending 24th December amounted to 27,059.6 tons and the sales during the period, to 24,572.8 tons.

The Yokohama office of the C. P. R. Co. is in receipt of a wireless message from the R.M.E. Empress of India, sent on the 8th inst. at 11.00 p.m., when the vessel was 1,240 miles distant from Japan, and the Commander advises all well and that he expects to reach Yokohama on the 11th inst. at noon.

We are requested by the Attorney General, Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, to state that the report appearing in the newspapers of this morning in regard to his accident yesterday, that the pony shied and threw him is incorrect, as is also the statement that he was picked up in a "semi-conscious condition." The fact is the pony, while cantering, crossed his legs and fell and Mr. Rees Davies, who was never at all unconscious, proceeded to the Golf Club and afterwards to his rooms entirely unaided.

Telegram.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

SHANGHAI SENSATION.

EUROPEAN CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING TO DEFAUD.

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Shanghai, Jan. 10, 1245 p.m.

A mild sensation has been caused here through Mr. Craig being charged at the Police Court with conspiring to defraud the Siak Company.

The prosecution was instituted at the instance of the Crown Advocate.

After a formal hearing the case was adjourned until Thursday.

Bail was fixed at \$15,000.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

TING SHAO-YI'S RESIGNATION.

The Minister of Posts and Communications, H.E. Tang Shao-yi, has tendered his resignation owing to ill health. The resignation has been accepted by the Prince Regent. H.E. Tang will probably return to Canton before the end of the Chinese New Year. The Vice-President of Posts and Communications, His Excellency Sheng Kung Pao, has been appointed by the Prince Regent as H.E. Tang's successor. The Ex-Minister to St. James, Lord Li Ching Fong, has been appointed Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Posts and Communications. During his absence, the ex-Grand Councilor, His Excellency Wu Yik Sang will act for him. His Excellency Wu is appointed Vice-Minister of Posts and Communications. The Vice-Minister, His Excellency Shan Yen-p'ing, of Posts and Communications is transferred to the Ministry of Civil Appointments as Deputy Minister.

MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HIGH OFFICIALS.

Owing to the ill-feeling existing between Prince Ching and the Senate, Prince Ching has tendered his resignation several times but the Prince Regent declined to accept it. Prince Ching has now further begged to obtain five days' sick leave. The Prince Regent has acknowledged the memorial of Prince Ching, and His Imperial Highness has himself held an interview with Prince Ching at the latter's residence and requested him to cut short his leave and resume his duties.

THE RECENT IMPRISONMENT.

The Prince Regent intends to hold a conference in the Palace for the issuing of the Decree regarding the impeachment made against the Grand Councilors by the Senate.

PROPOSED GOVERNMENT CLIQUE.

Princes Jui, Chuang, So, Tai-hsun, Tai-tao, Yu-lung, Tsai-fun, Po-jue and Tai-tsun have decided to establish a Government clique, and they are now making the necessary preparations.

OPENING UP MINES.

A conference was recently held at the National Assembly regarding the question of the opening of mines in Heliung Kiang. The matter has been referred to Prince Chwang for investigation.

WARRIOR OFFICIALS.

During an audience which was granted to the Grand Councilors, they reported to the Prince Regent that most of the High Authorities, both in the Capital and the provinces, have begged leave to resign their respective posts on account of the Parliament question and the disputes constantly occurring amongst them, the National Assembly and Provincial Assemblies.

SENATE'S PROPOSED SESSIONS.

The members of the National Assembly have presented a memorial to the Throne requesting that permission be granted to have the sessions extended for ten days, and also submitted a statement referring to the questions of discarding the qipus and change in national costume. The Senate has communicated with the various papers in Peking explaining to them that Prince Pu-lan does not oppose the progress sought after by the people. The reason of the delay in presenting a memorial was the non-settlement of the question.

A THREE-MILLION LOAN.

The three-million loan agreement between the Provincial Government of Kiang-nan and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the Deutsche Asiatische Bank and the Banque de l'Indo-Chine was duly signed at the Provincial Treasurer's yamen at Nanking recently and the money was paid over to the Chinese Authorities.

TIENTSIN PUKOW RAILWAY.

Grand Councilor H.E. Han Shih-thang has tendered his resignation for the extra post of Director-General of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and His Excellency Lu Hsi-huan has been appointed to the post to succeed him.

GIFTS BY OFFICIALS.

With reference to the charge of offering presents to his superiors which was brought against Lu Chen-chun, the Ministry concerned has decided that the official in question shall be cashiered and Chang Hsuan be appointed to succeed him.

POLICE OFFICIAL DISGRACED.

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CANTON DAY BY DAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Canton, 9th January.

A few days ago, the Chamber of Commerce in Canton convened a meeting for the purpose of considering the question of the taxation on opium and liquor, and the suppression of gambling. Besides the gentry, merchants and others, there were present the Provincial Treasurer and the Tao-tai for the Promotion of Industries. The Chairman asked whether the raw opium dealers were fully represented and the answer was in the affirmative. The Provincial Treasurer remarked that the meeting had for its object the consideration of the question of finding other sources of revenue to replace the loss which will be sustained through the suppression of gambling, and that the matter at issue was of the utmost importance. The raw opium dealers should have something on which to base their estimates of the revenue derived from opium taxation. Mr. Chui Wing Sam, of the raw opium dealers' guild, in reply to the question asked by the Provincial Treasurer, said that in view of the unlimited supply, it was difficult to form a right estimate of the income derived from opium taxation. The Provincial Treasurer stated (what was the case, he could not give an answer) that H.E. the Viceroy. After a long consultation, Mr. Chui suggested that the quantity of prepared opium could be ascertained from the supply of raw opium. Then the amount of tax on prepared opium could be calculated by that method. The Tao-tai for the Promotion of Industries said that, according to the statement of the Director of the Anti-Opium Bureau, the return of tax of prepared opium for last month was about \$50,000. Some of the raw opium dealers present remarked that when they submitted the regulations in connection with the opium sum in Canton, they based their figures on the supply of foreign and native opium for the past few months in drawing up the estimate. They believed that the Indian Government would soon curtail the export of opium and thus the supply during the last and the present month has suddenly decreased to an appreciable extent. At this point, some discussion arose. The Provincial Treasurer referred to his contention for the preparation of three months' revenue to the Government. Mr. Chui asked that the raw opium dealers' guild be given three months' trial in connection with the running of the opium farm. The Provincial Treasurer said that the raw opium dealers should meet together and see how much they could pay to the Government. At present, no proposal would be raised by proceeding with the matter further. The opium dealers then withdrew.

The question of the tax on liquor was then discussed. The Provincial Treasurer reminded members of the Liquor Guild that no foreigners or Chinese naturalized subjects (other nations should be allowed to take part in this enterprise. The merchants replied that their guild, in allowing shares to the liquor dealers based their method on the number of liquor bottles. The Provincial Treasurer asked them to hasten with the submission of the names of those brokers who have stood guarantees of revenues to him in order to facilitate inquiries being made. The Provincial Treasurer would then grant them permission to start the work of collecting the tax on liquors. But the termination of the proceedings, the Resident Director of the Chamber of Commerce complained to the Provincial Treasurer regarding the unreasonable annoyance to the public by the action of the Canton Customs and asked for the Provincial Treasurer's assistance in the matter. The latter has promised to report their grievance to the Viceroy. The gathering then dispersed.

A REMARKABLE REGULATION.

Mr. Yu N. Y. Sang, a merchant at your end, arrived at Canton on the 7th inst. by the *Norman*, owing to the death of one of his relatives. He carried on his person one hundred dollars in suit and baggage, besides a small money in copper. When the steamer arrived at her destination on the afternoon, a European Customs Officer came aboard and said, that commencing on the 1st inst. all persons carrying money were required to make reports to the Customs authorities, so as to ascertain them with the origin of the various currencies, their sizes and weights, when they would be given a permit, and would be allowed to land. Any one who failed to make the report of the money on his person, would be considered a smuggler, and be duly punished. Owing to his failure in observing this regulation, Yuen Yat Sang had his money confiscated. This action of the Customs Officer greatly agitated the other passengers. Many thought that a riot was imminent, which, fortunately, was averted. Mr. Yuen reported the matter to the Canton Chamber of Commerce. After a while, Yuen received back all his money through the ship's commander. A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was then called, and the opinion of those present was that such a measure as had been enforced by the Customs placed much obstacles in the way of merchants and travelers. Moreover the year was drawing to a close and the influx and efflux of money were of more than an ordinary character. The drastic measure should not have been enforced. Now, according to the notice which has been posted on the steamer by order of the Customs authorities, and operating from the 1st January, 1911, every person in sending money out of Canton, or bringing money into the Capital, is required to make a report to the Customs of the amount. The country or countries whence they originate, and the sizes of the currencies, big or small, and their weights should also be specified. He will then be supplied with the permit. Thus it is clear that a man with even five or ten dollars on his person will have made the customary declaration before the Customs

authorities. Anyone can readily see what endless sources of inconvenience will be given rise to by this measure. As reported elsewhere, the Provincial Treasurer was apprised of the nuisance created by the Customs officials by the Resident Director of the Chamber of Commerce. It is reported that at the Chamber of Commerce are about to make representations to the Canton Viceroy with a view to the cancellation of this inconvenient measure.

STAMPING OUT CORRUPTION.

It is with much pleasure that I have to report another action of H.E. the new Viceroy that has won the appreciation of people in general. It is a common and old evil in this prefecture and districts of this province for the people to be detained by the officials in the event of being involved in lawsuits and subjected to all kinds of intolerable hardships by the wardens, and have further to bear unnecessary expenses. When released from custody by the officials, these callous minions of the law invariably detain them, unless their demands for money are promptly met with. Such malpractices have come to the knowledge of H.E. the new Viceroy, who has now instructed his subordinates to put an end to the practice. Anyone found committing this crime will be severely dealt with by the official to whose notice the matter is brought.

SLAVE GIRL'S ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Some days ago, the Police handed over to the Pun U district officials a slave girl of 18 years of age who had attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the water, and had passed round her neck an iron chain to act as a weight to prevent her from rising to the surface. She told the official in question that she was a native of Wuchow and had been sold on account of poverty to a man named Sit living in Hsiam as a slave girl. Her master had all along treated her badly. On the 5th inst. she, severely and falsely accused her of having stolen something to eat and put her under torture. He afterwards locked her up in an empty room and tried to starve her. Fortunately without attracting anybody's attention, she managed to release herself from her chains and forced open the door. She escaped to the open and jumped on board a boat, made for the house of her godmother, where she sought shelter. Her godmother, being afraid that she might get into trouble for harboring the girl, firmly refused to let her in. She was thus forced to jump into a pond in a lane. Happily, a policeman on his beat saw her in the water and rescued her. She was taken to the police station and thence escorted to the Magistrate. As the girl was determined to die rather than return to her master, she was handed over to one of the charitable institutions in the hope of being engaged to some respectable person.

WEAVING FACTORY.

In the beginning of the year, the Chamber of Commerce at Fat Shap received instructions from the local government to promote the art of manufacture. Assisted by the efforts of the sub-prefect Chang, and the generosity of Wong Cheung Wah, a rich merchant, who subscribed ten thousand dollars towards the scheme, the enterprise has been set on foot. The old Customs station was selected as the site for a manufactory. Work was commenced last summer, and will be completed shortly. The manufactory will be declared open early next year, and so far attention will be paid to weaving. The local authorities will soon be approached to grant permission for running the manufactory.

THE FATE OF A MURDERER.

Last year, a woman named Wong Ko She, with the assistance of her affluence, murdered her husband and made a false report to the magistrate of Pun U District to the effect that the deceased had been fully done to death by robbers, in the course of a murderous raid of this brass. The murderers and her accomplice, however, could not escape the justice of the law as their plot was discovered not long afterwards. They have since been in prison, pending punishment. Yesterday, the Magistrate received instructions from the High Authorities to have the two prisoners put to death. They were taken on from the prison and escorted to the execution ground. The woman was strangled, while her lover was beheaded.

C.P.R. LINERS FOR TWO OCEANS.

CONTRACTS FOR LARGER AND FASTER STEAMERS.

It is now practically certain that the contracts for the new ships to strengthen the Atlantic and Pacific fleets of the C. P. R. will be signed before the end of the present month, says the "Daily Colonist." The order, when it is given, will constitute a new record in the Canadian mercantile marine, not only as being the biggest order for Canadian vessels for this service ever placed, but as calling for vessels of much greater speed and tonnage than any now running to Canadian ports.

Advices from Montreal state that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy announced that the negotiations were now about completed.

"I cannot go into details just at present," he added, "but I may tell you that Mr. Arthur Piers, the manager of the company's steamships, is coming over to Montreal from England in a week's time specially to consult with us, and after that consultation I may have an announcement to make."

From the above and from the pointed remarks Sir Thomas made at the recent meeting of shareholders it may be taken as certain that Mr. Piers is bringing with him the amended plans and tenders for the vessels, and that if they are now found satisfactory the contracts will at once be awarded, for the delivery of the vessels at the opening of navigation in 1912.

QUEUE CUTTING IN CHINA.

VIEWS OF MANILA.

The queue-cutting movement in China has attracted very wide attention throughout the world but it is not in itself that its importance, extent and significance have been magnified. It does represent for those who have joined in it a wide departure from time-honored custom but it should be remembered that as yet it numbers

AN INFINITE SMALL FRACTION

of the people. The central government continues to withhold its sanction and while it does the movement can hardly be general. It has been reported several times that it was on the verge of issuing a decree ordering queue cutting but when this latest movement began it sent its emissaries to some government students at Mukden to retain their black hair, a circumstance that would indicate anything but approval. The fact is

HASTY JUDGMENT OF FOREIGNERS

not residents of China is that queue-cutting heralds the great reform that has been anticipated for so many years but it will be better to defer conclusions until the situation develops a bit. The mere fact that a Chinaman decides to change the mode of treating his hair is hardly a definite indication that he has seen the light or proof that he has in him the stuff necessary to aid in making a new China. Real reform in China is some thing more than a question of bangs or braids.

A STUPIDOUS TASK.

such a task as only a bloody revolution might accomplish, or tremendous forces working through the body of society might achieve in evolutionary time as they slowly broke down deep-seated custom, uprooted prejudice, changed the viewpoint and purposes of men and gradually created new ideals. It is work that calls for real leadership and it does not specially matter whether the leaders have hair or not. Something under the crown bones of their heads is much more to the point than what may or may not be over their crown bones. Queue-cutting is probably

A HOPEFUL SIGN.

Queues are an encumbrance from the standpoint of convenience and a menace from the standpoint of health. Also they are not economical and so all Chinamen would be better without them. Their removal shows a willingness to accept new ideas and to advance but the character of the ideas, what is done with them and the actual advance itself form the essence of reform in China. — Manila Times.

AMERICA'S TROPICAL POSSESSIONS.

That we need our tropical possessions—the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico—appears from the fact that 40 per cent of our merchandise imports last year was of tropical production. With the growing demand of our manufacturers for tropical products for use in their great industries and the increasing requirement of our population for foodstuffs produced only in tropical and subtropical climates, the dependence of the United States upon the tropics steadily and rapidly increases, says an American paper. Our ports of this character in 1910 fiscal year reached a value of \$156,000,000 against \$135,000,000 in 1909, an increase of \$21,000,000 in thirty years, according to figures on record in the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Nearly \$500,000 worth of these imports in 1909 came from our own island possessions, but still leaving \$340,000,000 worth of tropical material drawn by us from foreign countries. Ten years ago the share of such imports drawn from tropical islands under the American flag was but \$3,000,000, so that in that brief period our own tropical islands more than tripled their contributions of these necessities—\$50,000,000 worth in 1909, to be exact. But the advantage in trade increase is not all one-sided. In the decade our exports (almost entirely manufactured goods) to these needed tropical possessions (four increased from \$5,000,000 to \$24,000,000, having thus also more than tripled in the period in question.

THE FAR EAST.

PLAQUE IN MANCHURIA.

(From N. C. D. News)

Peking, January 4.—Telegrams from Harbin state that vigorous measures are being taken by the Russian and Chinese authorities, who are co-operating freely apparently, to confine the plague to the areas of the township in which it originated. The deaths numbered thirty daily, but this rate is being reduced steadily.

THE CAPITAL.

Peking, January 4.—H.E. Tai Fa-tien has been appointed Treasurer of Fojien.

It is persistently reported that Prince Ching and H.E. Tsang Shao-yi are determined to resign.

CHINESE STUDENTS IN JAPAN.

A DECREASE IN NUMBER.

We learn from a Tokyo dispatch to the *Asahi* that the number of Chinese students in Japan, which at one time was 40,000, has dwindled rapidly during the past four or five years, until there are now probably no more than 4,000. Many of them, says the dispatch, have gone home rather than carry out the Regulation adopted by the Japanese Department of Education for their control, and private schools in Tokyo which have been supported by Chinese students have been closed one by one.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the City Hall on MONDAY next, the 16th January, at 12.30 P.M.

Hon. Mr. Henry Kowick has kindly consented to take the chair.

The attendance of the public is specially invited.

LENA POLLOCK, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1911. [603]

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SHANGHAI SHARES.

The quotations from the Stock Exchange on the 5th inst.—Manchukupp etc. in Langkat shares at Tls. 110, 112 and 113 for cash; Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd. bearer shares at Tls. 14 for cash; Shanghai Tobacco Co., Ltd. shares at Tls. 107 for cash; Weeks & Co., Ltd. 7 per cent debentures at Tls. 105 for cash; Shanghai Rice Club 6 per cent debentures at Tls. 100; Country Club 5 per cent debentures at Tls. 100; Sui Maaggle Rubber Co., Ltd. shares at Tls. 57 for cash; Cheng Rubber Estates, Ltd. shares at Tls. 34 for cash; Kowloon Plantations, Ltd. shares at Tls. 51 for cash; Gula Kalumpung Rubber Estates, Ltd. shares at Tls. 14 for cash; Senawang Rubber Estates, Co., Ltd. shares at Tls. 40 for cash; and 2 Anglo-Java Rubber Estates, Ltd. shares at Tls. 7 for cash.

THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE.

ARRANGEMENTS AT PEKING.

In view of the German Crown Prince's visit to Peking in April next the Wai-wu-pu has memorialized the Throne to appoint Princes Tsai Tsun, Tsai Tao, Pu Lun and Tsai Chen, Duke Chien Chang, the Governor of Shantung, H.E. Sun Pao-chi, the Minister of War, General Yen Chang, the Jun or Vice President of the Board of Civil Appointment, H.E. Ye Shih-mei, Deputy Commander of the Imperial Guards Liang Peh, Colonel of the 6th Army Corps Wu Lu Ching, Conciliators of the Wai-wu-pu, Shih Shao-chi, Wang Yi-sheng, Yen Wei Ching and En Ku, Director of the "Ming Chi Kuan" of the Board of Education Yen Fu, Tsing Shih Yuen, of the Board of War and Wang Shao-hung of the Ministry of the Interior for the purpose of welcoming and entertaining the august guest.

Events Coming.

Tuesday, 10th January. Bijou Scenic Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 11th January. Esmer's Institute, Annual General Meeting.

Thursday, 12th January. Humphrey's Estate Extraordinary Meeting.

Friday, 13th January. Sale of Booth Sites, for Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

Saturday, 14th January. United Services Club Dance at Kowloon School, 9 p.m.

Smoking Concert at the Water Police Station, Kowloon, 8.30 p.m.

Distribution of Prizes at Diocesan School.

Sunday, 15th January. Volunteers' Field Day.

Tuesday, 17th January. St. Andrew's Church Annual Meeting.

Monday, 23rd January. Queen's College prize distribution.

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EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICE, composed of excellently equipped Sleeping, Dining and 1st Class Cars, is operated between Dairen and Changchun four times a week in connection with the Trans-Siberian Express Trains and with Dairen-Shanghai Direct Steamer Service by the S.S. "Kobe Maru" and "Saikio Maru" (each 2,377 tons) as follows:—

NORTH BOUND.

1st Cl. Fare	Station	Train	Time	Days	Days	Days	Days
\$40	Shanghai (Steamer)	.....Lv.		Thurs.	Sat.	Sun.	
	Dairen	.....Ar.					
Y14.95	Mukden (S.M.R. Train)	.....Lv.	6.30 p.m.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	
		.....Ar.	2.45 a.m.				
Y11.50	Changchun	.....Lv.	3.00 "	"	"	"	
		.....Ar.	9.55 "	"	"	"	
R 9.63	Harbin (Russian Train)	.....Lv.	11.35 "	"	"	"	
		.....Ar.	7.25 p.m.	"	"	"	

Connecting at Harbin with

State Express for Moscow

Wagon-Lits for Moscow

State Express for St. Petersburg

SOUTH BOUND.

Connecting at Harbin with

State Express from St. Petersburg

Wagon-Lits from Moscow

State Express from Moscow

1st Cl. Fare	Station	Train	Time	Days	Days	Days	Days
R 9.60	Harbin (Russian Train)	.....Lv.	7.50 p.m.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	
		.....Ar.	6.40 a.m.				
Y11.50	Changchun	.....Lv.	7.00 "	"	"	"	
		.....Ar.	1.45 p.m.	"	"	"	
Y14.50	Mukden	.....Lv.	2.03 "	"	"	"	
		.....Ar.	12.30 "	"	"	"	
Y40.00	Dairen (Steamer)	.....Lv.	Noon	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sun.
	Shanghai	.....Ar.					

Supplementary Charges on DAIREN-CHANGCHUN Service.

EXPRESS EXTRA FEEY3.00 SLEEPING CAR SUPPLEMENT.....Y5.00

TICKET AGENCIES—The Company's railway and steamer tickets are obtainable at all the Agencies of the International Sleeping Car & Express Train Co., Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, and the Hamburg-America Line.

RAILWAY HOTELS—YAMATO HOTEL (Tel. Add.: "Yamato") at Dairen, Port Arthur, Mukden, Fushun and Changchun, all under the Company's management.

SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY COMPANY, DAIREN.

Tel. Add.: "Manitoku" Codes: A.B.C. 5th. Ed. A.I. & Lieber's.

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THE BEST STEAMING COAL IN THE FAR EAST.

Output 3,000 tons per day.

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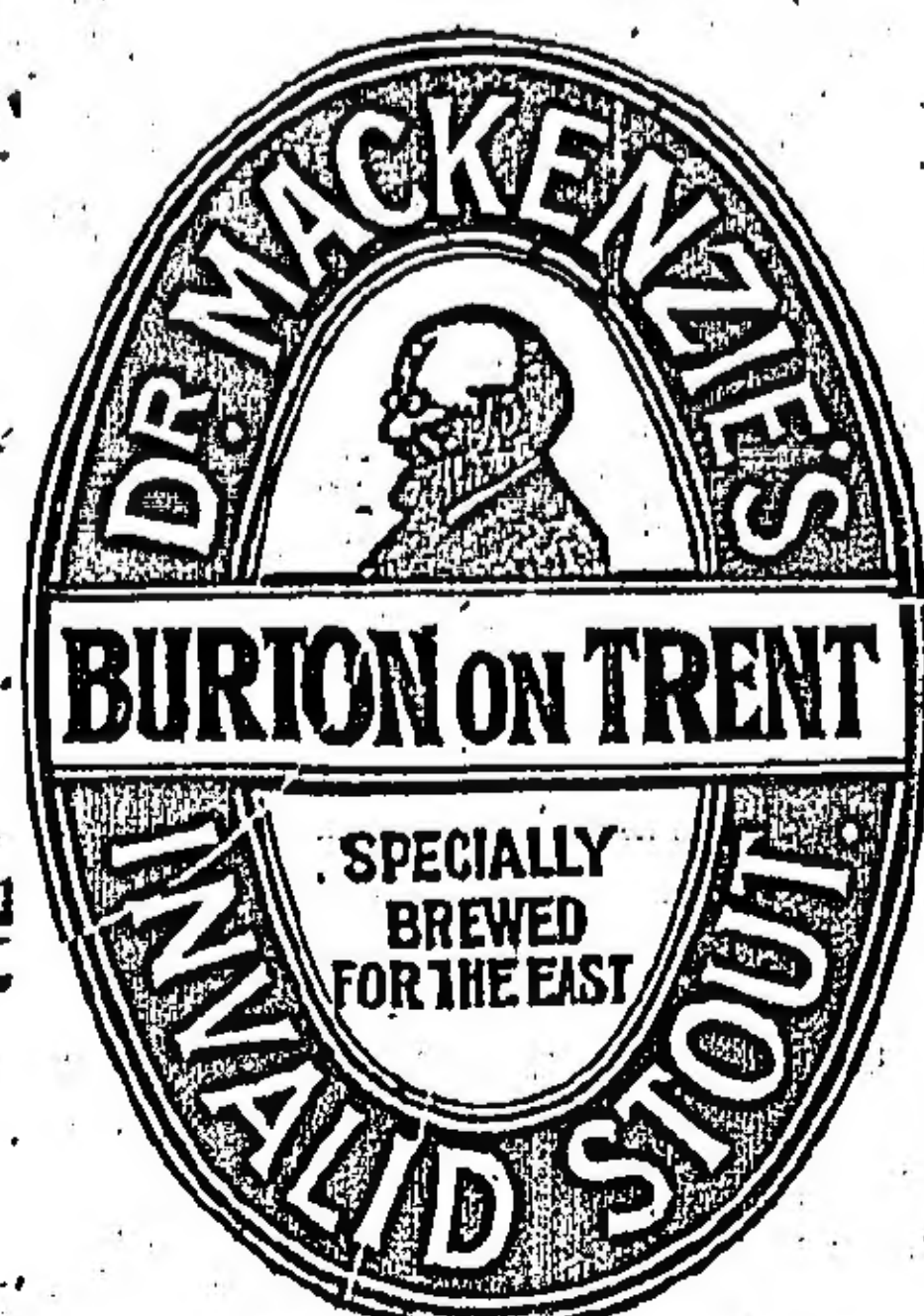
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Shipping—Steamers.

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Between China, Japan and Europe via Canada and the United States, calling at Hongkong, Shanghai, Nagasaki (through the Inland Sea of Japan) Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver B.C.

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Proposed Sailings from Hongkong and St. John, N.B., &c. (Subject to alteration.) Connecting with Royal Mail Atlantic Steamers.

From Hongkong.	From St. John.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA" SATURDAY, JAN. 14TH.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" FRIDAY, FEB. 10TH.
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"EMPRESS OF INDIA" SATURDAY, FEB. 11TH.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" SATURDAY, MAR. 11TH.	
"EMPRESS OF CHINA" SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH.	
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Each Trans-Pacific "Empress" connects at Vancouver with a Special Mail Express Train and at St. John, N.B., or Quebec with Atlantic Mail Steamers as shown above. The "Empress of Britain" and "Empress of Ireland" are magnificent vessels of 14,500 tons, Speed 20 knots, and are regarded as second to none on the Atlantic.

All Steamers of the Company's Pacific and Atlantic Fleets are equipped with the Marconi wireless apparatus.

Passengers booked to all the principal points in Canada, the United States and Europe, also around the World.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, 1st Class, via Canadian Atlantic Port or New York (including Meals and Berth in Sleeping Car while crossing the American Continent by Canadian Pacific direct line) 77.10/-

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SPECIAL THROUGH RATES—Special rates (First Class only) are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Consular Services, European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the service of the Governments of China and Japan, and the families. Full particulars of application from Agents.

Through Passengers are allowed Stop over privileges at the various points of interest en route.

R.M.S. "MONTEAGLE" carries only "One Class" of Saloon Passengers (termed Intermediate) the accommodation and commissariat being excellent in every way.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, Intermediate on Steamers and 1st Class on Canadian and American Railways.

Via Canadian Atlantic Port 77.10/-

Via New York 77.10/-

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to—

L. W. GRADDOCK, General Traffic Agent, Corner Pedder Street and Praya (opposite Blake Pier).

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

For Steamship On

Kobe & Moji YATSHING WEDNESDAY, 11th Jan., 4 P.M.

Manila LOUVGANG SATURDAY, 14th Jan., Noon

Shanghai KINGSANG SATURDAY, 14th Jan., Noon

FOR THE MANILA CARNIVAL, FEBRUARY 21ST TO 28TH, 1911.

A Special Reduced Fare of 50% for return Passengers will be issued for our sailings to Manila of the 11th and 14th February, available for 30 days from Date of issue. Passengers taking these tickets are exempt from the Head Tax.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A daily qualified surgeon is also carried.

* Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Ghafo, Tientsin & Newchwang

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LD.

General Managers.

Telephone No. 215, Hongkong, 10th January, 1911.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL.

TSINGTAI, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO "KASHING" 11th Jan., Daylight.

HONGKONG "KASHING" 11th Jan., Noon.

LOILO & CEBU "KASHING" 11th Jan., 4 P.M.

SWATOW & SHANGHAI "HUNAN" 11th Jan., 5 P.M.

HAIPHONG "CHIHLEI" 12th Jan., 12 A.M.

SHANGHAI "CHIHLEI" 12th Jan., 4 P.M.

NINGPO & CHINKIANG "WUHU" 13th Jan., 4 P.M.

HAIPHONG "SINGAN" 14th Jan., Noon.

SAMARANG & SOERABAYA "SHANTUNG" 14th Jan., 4 P.M.

SHANGHAI "ANHUI" 14th Jan., Midnight.

Manila "TAMING" 17th Jan., 4 P.M.

Reduced Saloon Fares, single and return, to Manila and Australian Ports.

DIRECT SAILING TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.

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AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in Staterooms. A daily qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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SHANGHAI LINE.

FAST SCHEDULE TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS (Anhui, Chienan, Lintan, Chienan).

—with excellent passenger accommodation, Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms and Dining Saloon, leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailing. A Company's launch leaves Wharf Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.

These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

Fares:—\$45 single, \$80 return.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Telephone No. 16, Hongkong, 10th January 1911.



HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES.
PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Date.
RUBI	4000	S. Crosby	MANILA, LOILO & CEBU	W. DUESDAY, 11th Jan., 1911, at 4 P.M.
ZAFIRO	4000	E. Rice	MANILA, LOILO & CEBU	WEDNESDAY, 18th Jan., 1911, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN TOMES & CO.

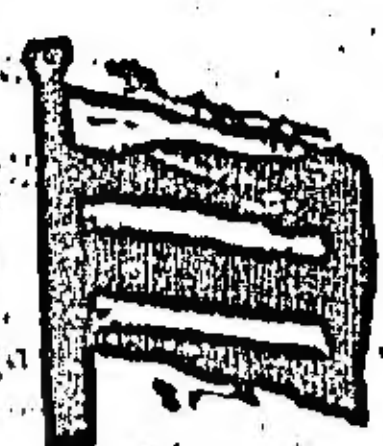
General Managers.

Telephone No. 10th January 1911.

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Shipping—Steamers

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSHALLS, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	ATSUTA MARU, Capt. Wm. Thompson, Tons 9100 HITACHI MARU, Capt. N. Matheson, Tons 7000 MIYASAKI MARU, Capt. T. Mural, Tons 9100	WEDNESDAY, 18th Jan., at Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 1st Feb., at Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE	KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. J. Nagao, Tons 7000	SATURDAY, 28th Jan., from KOBE.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU, Capt. K. Fato, Tons 7000 AWA MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, Tons 7000	TUESDAY, 31st Jan., at Noon. TUESDAY, 18th Feb., at Noon.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE	HIKIO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, Tons 6000 KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, Tons 6000	FRIDAY, 20th Jan., at Noon. FRIDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, Tons 6000	WEDNESDAY, 18th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	COLOMBO MARU, Capt. E. Co. bes, Tons 5000	TUESDAY, 17th January.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KITANO MARU, Capt. F. E. Cope, Tons 9000	THURSDAY, 19th Jan., at 11 A.M.

Fitted with new system of wireless telegraphy. † Cargo only. * Carries deck passengers

† Oniting Peking. † Call at Genoa.

PASSENGER SEASON 1911.

SAILINGS AND PASSAGE RATES FROM HONGKONG.

To Marseilles and London via Suez Canal.

Steamers.	Tons	Leave Hongkong	RATES OF PASSAGE.
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	15th Feb.	To London, per New Steamer
KITANO	9,000	1st March	1st class Single... V.50
IYO	7,000	15th "	" " " 2nd class Single... 35
HIRANO	9,000	29th "	" " " 1st class Single... 50
TANGO	8,000	12th April	" " " Old Sir. 1st class Single... 50
KANO	9,000	26th "	" " " 2nd class Single... 35
AKI	7,000	10th May	" " " 1st class Single... 50
MISHIMA	9,000	24th "	" " " 2nd class Single... 35

To Victoria, B.C. and Seattle, Wash. U.S.A.

Steamers.	Tons	Leave Hongkong	RATES OF PASSAGE.
AWA MARU	7,000	28th Feb.	To Pacific Coast Common Ports
INABA	7,000	28th March	1st class Single... 4.30
TAMBA	7,000	25th April	" " " 2nd " " 3.20
AWA	7,000	23rd May	To London via New York 1st " " 4.60
			" via St. Lawrence 1st " " 4.50

With option of rail between calling ports in Japan.

Connecting with the GREAT NORTHERN and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS and Atlantic Steamers. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd class through passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply to

T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1911.

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STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BAHREIN, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship

"CAPRI,"

Captain Moresco, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 13th inst., at Noon.

For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1911.

HONGKONG—BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.)

S.S. "INDRASAMHA" On or about 21st Jan., 1911.

For Freight and further information, apply to SHEWAN TOMES & CO.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1910.

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AMERICAN-ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR NEW YORK.

S.S. "SHIMOSA" On or about 27th Jan.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1911.

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Shipping—Steamers.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, FOR LONDON, ROTTERDAM AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE,"

Captain W. Birrell, will be despatched as above about 10th January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1910.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"EMBROSHIRE,"

Captain R. Lloyd, will be despatched as above about 10th January.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent command of a staff who by this steamer at the port. She is fitted throughout with electric light, and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1910.

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Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer.

"NUBIA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 5 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 8th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, at 9 A.M. on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22d January, 1911.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE Steamship

"CARDIGANSHIRE,"

having arrived from the above port, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 10th instant, at 6 P.M., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on 10th inst., at 10 A.M. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Wharves, 4th January, 1911.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"DELTA,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London &c., ex S.S. "Mantua."

From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 11th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's surveyors Messrs. GODDARD and DOUGLAS, at 9 A.M. on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1911.

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"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLARI,"

FROM MIDDLEBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 21st inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1911.

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WEATHER-FORCAST AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METHEOLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here—

Signal No.

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Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADOORIE & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT		LAST DIVIDEND.		APPROXIMATE DIVIDEND AT PRESENT QUOTATION (BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.)	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
				RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT				
BANKS.									
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	{ £1,500,000 \$15,000,000 \$150,000	\$2,029 3 0	£2 for first half year ending 30.6.10 @ ex 1/4% = \$22.45	5 %	{ 900 sellers £87 10/-	
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	{ £1,000,000 £10,000,000 £100,000	\$20,558	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1909 .....	...	\$80 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.									
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 £68,690 \$10,181	none	\$15 for 1909	8 1/2 %	\$185	
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	{ £1,000,000 £10,000,000 £100,000	Tls. 205,119	Final div. of 7 1/2 % for '09 making 15 % in all... Final of \$20 per share, making in all \$50 per share for 1908 and an interim divid- end of \$30 per share for 1909	5 %	Tls. 135	
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	\$287,984	Final of \$20 per share, making in all \$50 per share for 1908 and an interim divid- end of \$30 per share for 1909 .....	...	{ 827 1/2
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	\$7,707	\$12 for year ending 31.12.08 and interim of \$3 on account of 1909	12 1/2 %	\$190	
FIRE INSURANCES.									
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	\$4,540 6	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1908	7 %	\$121	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	\$4,540 6	\$27 for 1908	8 %	{ \$162 1/2	
SHIPPING.									
Obata and Mania Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$15	\$5	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	Dr. \$3,777	\$4% for 1906 .....	...	\$7 1/2 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$10	\$5	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	Dr. \$3,777	\$1 for year ending 30.6.1908 .....	...	\$20 sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	\$10,766	Dividend of 3 1/2 % for 30.6.10	8 1/2 %	\$30	
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred) Do. Do. (Deferred)	60,000 60,000	£5 £5	£5 £5	{ £1,000,000 £10,000,000 £100,000	15,162	3 1/2 % on Preferred shares only for 1909 .....	...	\$50 sellers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000 £10,000,000 £100,000	11,159	Final div. of 3/8 per sh. (comp. 14) making in all 4 1/8 per sh. for '09 & an int. div. of 1/8 per sh. on acc. for 10	5 %	78 1/2 sellers	
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	11,159	A dividend of 7 1/2 % for yr. ending 30.4. 1909 A bonus of 5 %	5 %	\$12	
REFINERIES.									
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	Dr. \$5,090	\$5 for half year ending 30.6. 1910	6 %	\$124 sellers	
Larson Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	Dr. \$135,89	\$3 for 1897 .....	...	\$22 sellers
MINING.									
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000 £10,000,000 £100,000	£1,435	Final div. of 1/6 for the year 1910 making 15 % (Coupon No. 15)	9 %	Tls. 15	
Headwaters Mining Company	60,000	Pa. 10	Pa. 10	{ Pa. 10,000 Pa. 100,000 Pa. 1,000,000	none	First year .....	...	Pa. 10
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited ..	200,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000 £10,000,000 £100,000	£6,583	\$1 per share with dividend	5 %	\$3 buyers	
Oriental Consolidated Mining Co., Ltd.	500,000	G \$10	G \$10	{ G \$10,000 G \$100,000 G \$1,000,000	none	Final of Gold \$0.65 for 1909 in all G \$1.15... Final of Gold \$0.65 for 1909 in all G \$1.15... Interim of \$3 1/2 for 1910 .....	...	37 1/2
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.									
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	\$8,460	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.05 .....	...	\$5
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$550	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	\$26,847	\$2 1/2 for 1909	4 1/2 %	\$54 buyers	
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000	\$13,131	3 1/2 % for half year ended 30.6. 1909 .....	...	\$53
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	Tls. 55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 10,000,000 Tls. 100,000,000	Tls. 6,400	Final of Tls. 3 1/2 making Tls. 6 in all for year 1904 1910	8 %	Tls. 68	
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited ..	16,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 10,000,000 Tls. 100,000,000	Tls. 9,222	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1910	7 %	Tls. 97 1/2	
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.									
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 10,000,000 Tls. 100,000,000	Tls. 4,314	Tls. 6 for year ending 29.12.10	8 1/2 %	Tls. 97 sellers	
Central Stores, Limited	10,123	\$15	\$15	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$2,000	8 1/2 % for 1909	8 1/2 %	\$11 sellers	
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,177	\$3 on old shares \$1.50 on new shares for half year ending 30.6.10	6 %	\$100 buyers	
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,177	Interim of \$3 1/2 for 1910	7 %	\$19	
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited ..	150,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,177	45 cents for 1909	6 %	\$6	
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,177	\$2 1/2 for 1909	8 %	\$33 1/2 buyers	
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	72,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 10,000,000 Tls. 100,000,000	Tls. 61,969	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1910	6 1/2 %	Tls. 100	
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,177	Interim of \$1.50 for 1910	8 1/2 %	\$40 buyers	
COTTON MILLS.									
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 10,000,000 Tls. 100,000,000	Tls. 10,991	Tls. 11 for year ending 31.12.09	8 1/2 %	Tls. 85	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$8,553	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08 .....	...	\$4 1/2 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 10,000,000 Tls. 100,000,000	Tls. 8,578	Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.9.09	10 %	Tls. 46	
Loan-kuang-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 10,000,000 Tls. 100,000,000	Tls. 11,773	Tls. 6 for 1909	10 %	Tls. 48 1/2	
Say Choo Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 10,000,000 Tls. 100,000,000	Tls. 11,773	Tls. 15 for 1909	17 %	Tls. 145 1/2	
MISCELLANEOUS.									
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12 1/2	12 1/2	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$246	15 % per share for 1909 .....	...	\$8 sellers
China-Bonnie Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	Nil	50 cents for 1909	6 1/2 %	\$9	
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	\$5	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$10,242	50 cents for year ended 28.2.06 .....	...	95 cents buyers
Do. Do. Special shares	50,000	\$5	\$5	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$10,242	50 cents for 1909	10 %	\$7 buyers	
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,890	\$1.20 for year ending 31.7.09	7 %	\$17 1/2 buyers	
Clary Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,270	Interim of 15 cents per share for 1910	10 %	\$3.25 sales	
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$5,000	14 per cent. viz. \$1.40 for 1909	12 1/2 %	\$12 sellers	
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$11,798	A dividend of \$1.20 per share and a bonus of 10 cents per sh. for year end. 28.2.10... Interim of \$1 per share for 1910	6 1/2 %	\$20	
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$12,662	Interim of \$1 per share for 1910 .....	...	\$17 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$9,176	3rd interim dividend of Tls. 15 making in all Tls. 37 1/2 for 1910	5 1/2 %	Tls. 114	
Hongkong Ropery Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	Tls. 116,682	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.10... None	5 1/2 %	\$13 sellers	
Meatschappij et Mij, Bosch en Landbouwen plaatje in Langkat, Limited	25,000	G. \$10	G. \$10	{ G. \$1,000,000 G. \$10,000,000 G. \$100,000,000	\$8,000	None .....	...	\$13 sellers
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,014	None .....	...	\$8
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,014	None .....	...	...
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,014	None .....	...	...
Shanghai-Sumat & Tobacco Company, Limited	20,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 10,000,000 Tls. 100,000,000	Tls. 5,850	No dividend this year	2 1/2 %	Tls. 102 1/2 b.	
Societe des Papiers et Papeteries du Tonkin	13,200 Benefit shares 1,200	50 Halabong (Dollars)	55 Halabong Currency	{ none none none	none	First year .....	...	\$56 sellers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	Dr. \$11,005	None	8 %	\$45	
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$11,865	10 % for year ending 31st May 1910	11 1/2 %	\$5 1/2 buyers	
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$11,956	50 cents for year ending 31.12.08	5 %	\$21	
United Asbestos Orienta Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$244	15 % per ordinary sh. for year ended 31.5.10... 15 cents for 1909	5 %	\$5 sellers	
Watkins Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,041	3 1/2 % for 1909 .....	...	\$5 1/2 buyers
Watson (A.S.) & Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$1,041	10 % for year ending 31.7.10 .....	...	\$12 buyers
Weismann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$67	None	\$2 1/2	
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	{ \$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$100,000,000	\$702	None	

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